Electricity Departments of the State Govts. and the power utilities have to arrange financial resources on their own or modernisation of their power transmission system.

Mejia Thermal Project

1040. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) what was scheduled date of completion of Mejia Thermal Project under DVC;

(b) what has been the time and cost over-run so far and what are the reasons for the delay ;

(c) what is the revised date of completion of the project and the date of inception of commercial production ; and

(d) what are the plans of DVC on the two units of its Durgapur Plant which were damaged by fire ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The original scheduled date of completion of Mejia Thermal Power Project was September, 1992.

(b) The time and cost over run so far are 27 months and Rs. 857 crores respectively. The delay is attributable to the following reasons :—

(1) Non receipt of clear land.

(2) Non availability of construction water and power supply.

(3) Late receipt of layout and loading details in respect of Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited's equipment and belated submission of requisite information/date required for finalisation of tender specification of Ash Handling Plant, Control and Instrumentation, Circulating Water Pumps etc. by Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited.

(4) Acute fund crunch in Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) from 9/91 to 12/93.

(5) Delay in submission and erection of Control and Instrumentation package by M/s. Kerala Electronics Development Corporation.

(6) Delay in execution of stack order due to High Court case between M/s. DEACON Tikman & DVC.

(c) The revised date of completion of the project is December, 1996 followed by commercial production with effect from April, 1997.

(d) DVC is considering rehabilitation of the two fire damaged units of Durgapur Thermal Power Station. Feasibility report in this regard alongwith cost estimate of Rs. 353.00 crore (without Interest During Construction) has been submitted to Central Electricity Authority in November, 1994.

Shortage of Coal at Chandrapur Thermal Power Station

1041. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether load shedding has been introduced in several parts of Maharashtra due to shortage of coal at Chandrapur Thermal Power Station ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) what is the extent of shortage of coal in the said power station and since when this shortage is continuing ;

(d) the reasons for not taking timely steps to replenish the depleting coal stocks and what steps have the Government taken or prop-